

Exhibit B

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS

3 IN RE DEPAKOTE:)
4 STACY BARTOLINI, individually)
and as parent and next friend)
5 of H.B., a minor,)
6 Plaintiff(s),)
7 v.) Case No. 3:17-cv-1146-SMY
8 ABBOTT LABORATORIES, INC.,) Lead Case 3:12-cv-52-NJR
9 Defendant.)

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BEFORE THE HONORABLE STACI M. YANDLE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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1 on the phone, and they record this --

2 THE COURT: Okay. I'm going to have to cut you
3 off, Mr. Williams.

4 MR. WILLIAMS: Okay.

5 THE COURT: Because I'm not sure where that, where
6 that fits in with where we are right now. And, and I --
7 again, I think that essentially, I get the arguments. I
8 understand what the plaintiffs' position is as to the
9 relevancy of that particular conclusion and opinion. I
10 understand the defendants' position as to the irrelevancy
11 and the prejudicial effect.

12 It comes down, to me, a combination of two things:
13 The relevancy, which I understand is background and
14 context; and the bases. And so what you have given me
15 today, Mr. Williams, in the binder is going to answer
16 probably all -- most of my questions that I had about how
17 he came to this opinion and what the basis is.

18 Once I understand that, I'm going to be prepared
19 to rule on that.

20 MR. WILLIAMS: Thank you, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: I'm going to take that part under
22 advisement.

23 And, Michelle, I think we're talking about Motion
24 in Limine No. -- I'm sorry, we're still on the *Daubert*.

25 MR. WILLIAMS: Yes, Your Honor.